



EPA Meeting Summary - WIP Evaluation Team Visit October 7

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John,

Thank you for meeting with the EPA WIP Evaluation Team on October 7 to discuss Pennsylvania's draft Watershed Implementation Plan. I understand it was a very productive meeting and really appreciate the time you spent with the team and Pennsylvania's commitment to work to improve the draft WIP by November 29. I encourage you to submit any revised elements of the WIP to us as soon as possible so we can assess them and provide feedback prior to the end date. In addition, Chuck Fox and I are available to help address policy issues that would aid in the completion of an enhanced plan, one that would allow EPA to reduce or remove backstopping allocations. We look forward to addressing those key issues by early November.

A number of follow-up actions were identified or reconfirmed for further collaboration during the October 7 meeting:

- Legal coverage of MS4 permits, opportunities for offsets, and construction erosion and sediment control provisions
- Greater detail and clarity on proposed strategies and existing programs for agriculture, stormwater, and non-significant wastewater facilities
- Further discussion on implementing Pennsylvania's trading program and meeting baseline TMDL compliance
- Second model run of Pennsylvania's compliance scenario
- EPA attendance at stakeholder workgroup meetings
- Scheduling a second meeting with DEP and the EPA WIP Evaluation Team in November

I look forward to our continued collaboration on this important job. The two follow-up calls we conducted today on the trading program and overall WIP revisions and the call planned for October 14 on storm water program topics are valuable steps forward. Please don't hesitate to contact Suzanne Hall, Katherine Antos or me regarding the WIP evaluation process and to help clarify any comments EPA has shared to date. Thank you.

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